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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	BECEIVE
KAREN M. BROWN,	22008
Plaintiff,	U.S.D.C. S.D. N
- against -	Case No. CASHIERS
MUNCHKIN, INC. and its BAMBOO PET ) DIVISION,	Constant of the Constant of th
Defendant. )	

# COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Karen M. Brown ("Plaintiff"), by her attorneys, Meredith & Keyhani, PLLC, for her complaint against defendant, Munchkin, Inc. and its Bamboo Pet Division (collectively "Defendant") alleges as follows:

# I. THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff is an individual residing at 8 Northgate, Wanaque, New Jersey 07465.
- 2. Plaintiff is the inventor, patentee and sole owner of the inventions disclosed and claimed in United States Patent No. 6,644,241, entitled "Disposable Insert Containing Pet Dish Apparatus" ("the '241 Patent"), which was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 11, 2003, a copy of which is attached as Ex. A.
- On information and belief, Munchkin, Inc. is a privately held corporation doing business at 16689 Schoenborn Street, North Hills, California 91343-6113.
- Bamboo Pet ("Bamboo") is a wholly owned division of Munchkin, Inc. and does business at 16689 Schoenborn Street, North Hills, California 91343-6113.
- On information and belief, Defendant is in the business of distributing and selling various types of pet products, including certain dog and cat feeding bowls with disposable liners

therefor, known as "Feed and Toss Bowls," which products infringe the '241 Patent.

6. Defendant is offering for sale and selling such infringing products within this district and elsewhere throughout the United States directly through Bamboo's online web site at www.BambooPet.com, and both in-store and online through various other pet store retailers throughout the United States, including at least Petsmart, Inc. and Petco, Inc., as well as other online retailers, including at least Amazon.com.

# II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. This action arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code.
- 8. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of the action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a). Venue is proper in this district court at least pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c) and 1400(b).
- 9. This Court has jurisdiction over Munchkin, Inc. and its Bamboo Pet Division because they regularly transact business in the State of New York and have committed the aforesaid acts of patent infringement during the course of business in this district.

# III. COUNT 1 (PATENT INFRINGEMENT)

- 10. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 9 as if fully set forth herein.
- 11. This is an action for damages and injunctive relief for patent infringement arising under the United States Patent Act, Title 35 of the United States Code.
- 12. Plaintiff is the sole owner and named inventor of the inventions disclosed and claimed in the '241 Patent.
  - 13. Defendant distributes and sells products, including Feed and Toss Bowls and

- 14. Plaintiff gave notice to Defendant on or about June 1, 2007, that Defendant's sales, offers for sale and distribution of Feed and Toss Bowl products and disposable liners therefor infringe the '241 Patent. Nevertheless, on information and belief, Defendant has continued willfully to infringe the '241 Patent at all times since June 1, 2007, by selling, offering for sale and distributing said Feed and Toss Bowl products and disposable liners therefor.
- 15. Defendant will continue willfully to infringe the '241 Patent unless enjoined by this Court.
- As a result of Defendant's infringing activities, Plaintiff has been irreparably 16. damaged to an extent not yet determined and Plaintiff will continue to be irreparably damaged by such acts in the future unless Defendant is enjoined by this Court from committing further acts of infringement.
- Defendant's infringement of the '241 Patent alleged above has injured Plaintiff 17. and Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiff for Defendant's infringement, which in no event can be less than a reasonable royalty.

#### **COUNT 2 (INDUCEMENT OF INFRINGEMENT)** IV.

- 18. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 17 as if fully set forth herein.
- Defendant's aforesaid activities in distributing Feed and Toss Bowls to retailers 19. throughout the United States, including at least Petsmart and Petco, for in-store and online sales, and to online retailers, including at least Amazon.com, constitutes inducement of infringement of the '241 Patent.

- Defendant will continue to induce infringement of the '241 Patent unless enjoined 20. by this Court.
- As a result of Defendant's inducement of infringement, Plaintiff has been 21. irreparably damaged to an extent not yet determined and Plaintiff will continue to be irreparably damaged by such acts in the future unless Defendant is enjoined by this Court from committing further acts of inducement of infringement.
- Defendant's inducement of infringement of the '241 Patent alleged above has 22. injured Plaintiff and Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiff for Defendant's infringement, which in no event can be less than a reasonable royalty.

#### V. **COUNT 3 (CONTRIBUTORY INFRINGEMENT)**

- 23. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 22 as if fully set forth herein.
- Defendant's aforesaid activities in distributing Feed and Toss Bowls and 24. disposable inserts for use therewith to retailers throughout the United States, including at least Petsmart and Petco for in-store and online sales, and to online retailers, including at least Amazon.com, constitutes contributory infringement of the '241 Patent.
- On information and belief, Defendant will continue to contributorily infringe the 25. '241 Patent unless enjoined by this Court.
- As a result of Defendant's contributory infringement, Plaintiff has been 26. irreparably damaged to an extent not yet determined and Plaintiff will continue to be irreparably damaged by such acts in the future unless Defendant is enjoined by this Court from committing further acts of contributory infringement.

27. Defendant's contributory infringement of the '241 Patent alleged above has injured Plaintiff and Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiff for Defendant's contributory infringement, which in no event can be less than a reasonable royalty.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendant, as follows:

- That Defendant be declared to have infringed, induced others to infringe, and/or (a) committed acts of contributory infringement with respect to the claims of the '241 Patent by selling, offering for sale and distributing Feed and Toss Bowl products and disposable liners therefor, and that said infringement be declared willful;
- That Defendant, its officers, agents, servants, employees, parents, subsidiaries, **(b)** divisions, affiliates, successors, and all others in active concert or participation with it or acting on its behalf, be permanently enjoined from further infringement of the '241 Patent.
- That Defendant be ordered to account for and pay to Plaintiff all damages caused (c) to said Plaintiff by reason of Defendant's infringement of the '241 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284, including enhanced damages for willful infringement;
- (d) That Plaintiff be granted pre-judgment interest on the damages caused to them by reason of Defendant's infringement of the '241 Patent;
- That this matter be declared an exceptional case pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285 and (e) that Defendant be ordered to pay Plaintiff's attorney fees and costs; and
- That Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as the Court may deem just **(f)** and proper.

# **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pursuant to Rule 38, Fed. R. Civ. P., Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury for all issues triable of right by a jury in this case.

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# (12) United States Patent Brown

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(54)	<b>DISPOSABLE INSERT</b>	CONTAINING	PET
DISH APPARATUS			

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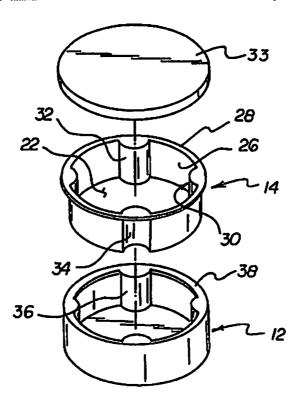
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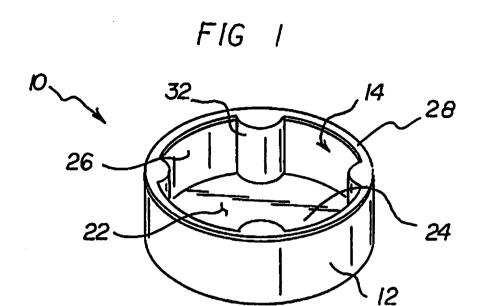
57) ABSTRACT

A pet dish apparatus includes a dish-shaped base unit which has a first dish lock portion in the form of an annular groove on an inside surface of the dish-shaped base unit and includes a dish member received in the dish-shaped base unit. The dish member includes a second dish lock portion in the form of an annular tongue on the outside surface of the dish member which is engageable with the first dish lock portion annular groove. The dish member is received in the dish-shaped base unit in a nesting manner. An annular peripheral top ring extends outward from a dish wall of the dish member. Two dish-shaped base units can be connected together with an annular peripheral top ring in a form of a figure-eight.

8 Claims, 3 Drawing Sheets



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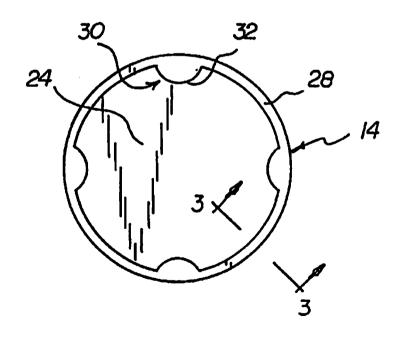
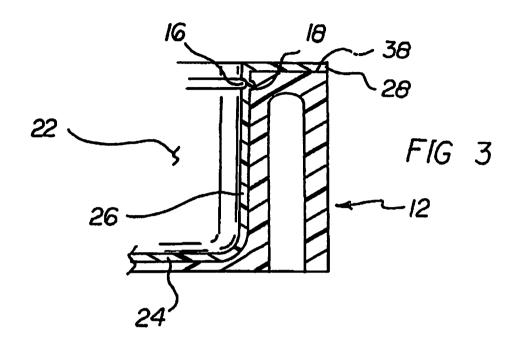


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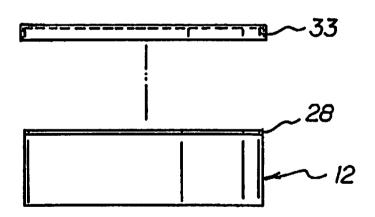
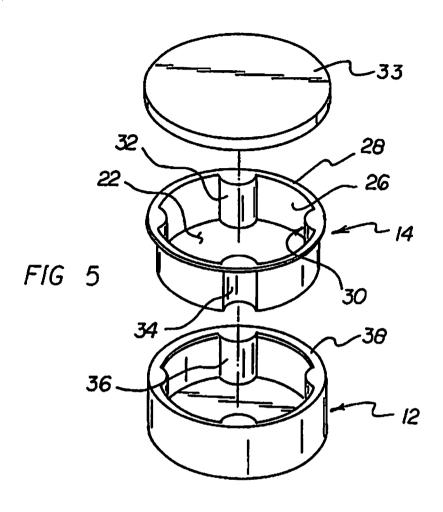


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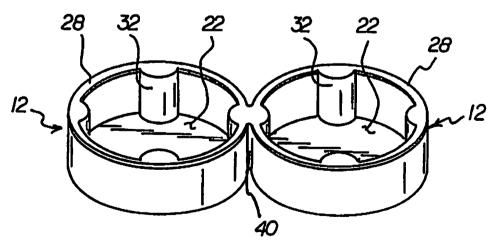


FIG 6

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# DISPOSABLE INSERT CONTAINING PET **DISH APPARATUS**

#### **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED** APPLICATION

This application claims priority based upon my copending Provisional Application Serial No. 60/312,615, filed Aug. 16, 2001.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

### 1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to pet dishes, and, more particularly, to pet dishes that are especially adapted for being disposable.

## 2. Description of the Prior Art

Dishes specially adapted for use with pets are well known in the art. In addition, throughout the years, a number of innovations have been developed relating to disposable pet dishes, and the following U.S. petents are representative of some of those innovations: U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,257,353, 4,428, 325, 4,587,930, 4,800,845, and 4,949,678. More specifically, U.S. Pat. No. 4,257,353 discloses a disposable pet dish that includes a skeleton-like frame for receiving and holding a disposable pet dish. The skeleton-like frame may be relatively lightweight resulting in less than optimum stability for the disposable pet dish. In this respect, it would be desirable if a disposable pet dish were provided with a support that is not skeleton-like and that provides optimum stability for the disposable pet dish.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,428,325 discloses a disposable pet dish that fits into a bowl-like base. The disposable pet dish has a large upper lip that fits over the top of the bowl-like base and extends downward along a portion of the side of the base. The outside surface of the base has grooves that receive complementary flange portions of the disposable pet dish. The engagement of the flange portions of the disposable pet dish with the grooves of the base provide a locking action between the disposable pet dish and the base. To provide for greater economy and simplicity in a disposable pet dish, it would be desirable if a disposable pet dish engages with its base on an inside portion of the base. Such an inside the base engagement would eliminate the need for a large upper lip in a disposable pet dish that fits over the top of a bowl-like base and that extends downward along a portion of the side of the base.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,587,930 discloses a disposable pet dish which is supported by a base which is fixed to a wall. To provide greater flexibility of use, it would be desirable if a disposable pet dish were provided with a base that is freely moved from one location to another.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,800,845 discloses a disposable pet dish that fits into a base. The base has two disposable pet dish reception wells side by side. Although having two pet dish 55 reception wells side by side may be desirable under some circumstances, there are other circumstances when a single. free standing disposable pet dish received in a single, free standing base would be desirable. Moreover, no lid is provided for this disposable pet dish. There are times when not all of the pet food is eaten, and it would be desirable to have a lid that fits over the disposable pet dish so that the leftover food can be preserved.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,949,678 discloses a disposable pet dish that is received in a base that has an adhesive patch on the 65 ring of the dish member. bottom of the base. The adhesive patch is provided to give greater stability of the base to a surface upon which the base

sits. If the surface upon which the base sits is wet, such an adhesive patch will most likely be ineffective. Moreover, the adhesive may stick to the surface, and time and effort may have to be expended to remove adhesive that sticks to a surface. In this respect, it would be desirable if a base for a disposable pet dish were provided that does not include an adhesive patch for affixing the base to a supporting surface.

Still other features would be desirable in a disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus. For example, for pur-10 poses of economy in using storage space, it would be desirable if a disposable pet dish were provided which is readily nestable and stackable with respect to other disposable pet dishes. In this way, a large number of disposable pet dishes can be stored, taking up a minimum of storage space.

As stated above, there are circumstances when having two pet dish bases side by side may be desirable, and there are other circumstances when a single, free standing disposable pet dish received in a single, free standing base would be desirable. In this respect, it would be desirable if single, free standing bases were modular and could be linked together to form a combined unit having two pet dish reception bases side by side.

Thus, while the foregoing body of prior art indicates it to be well known to use disposable pet dishes, the prior art described above does not teach or suggest a disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus which has the following combination of desirable features: (1) provides a support that is not akeleton-like and that provides optimum stability for the disposable pet dish; (2) provides a disposable pet dish which engages with its base on an inside portion of the base; (3) provides a base that can be freely moved from one location to another; (4) provides a single, free standing disposable pet dish that is received in a single, free standing base; (5) provides a lid for a disposable pet dish; (6) does not include an adhesive patch for affixing the base to a supporting surface; (7) is readily nestable and stackable with respect to other disposable pet dishes; and (8) provides modular single, free standing bases that can be linked together to form a combined unit having two pet dish reception bases side by side. The foregoing desired characteristics are provided by the unique disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus of the present invention as will be made apparent from the following description thereof. Other advantages of the present invention over the prior art also will be rendered evident.

# SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

To achieve the foregoing and other advantages, the 50 present invention, briefly described, provides a pet dish apparatus which includes a dish-shaped base unit which has a first dish lock portion and includes a dish member received in the dish-shaped base unit. The dish member includes a second dish lock portion which is engageable with the first dish lock portion. The dish member is received in the dish-shaped base unit in a nesting manner. Preferably, the first dish lock portion is in a form of an annular groove, and the second dish lock portion is in a form of an annular tongue that fits into the annular groove.

The dish member includes a material reception region defined by a dish floor and a dish wall which extends upward from the dish floor. An annular peripheral top ring extends outward from the dish wall. The dish-shaped base unit includes a top ring-reception surface for receiving the top

Preferably, the dish wall includes a plurality of inwardly extending hollow hemispherical dish wall bulge portions,

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wherein each dish wall bulge portion includes an inner convex dish wall bulge surface and an outer concave dish wall buige surface.

Preferably, the dish-shaped base unit includes a plurality of inner convex base unit wall bulges which fit into the outer 5 concave dish wall bulge surfaces when the dish-shaped base unit receives the dish member. A plurality of the dish members are nestable with respect to each other during storage. A lid is provided for fitting tightly onto the top ring of the dish member.

With another embodiment of the invention, base-to-base interconnection means are provided for connecting a first pet dish apparatus to a second pet dish apparatus. The base-tobase interconnection means can be a dish member including an annular peripheral top ring in a form of a figure-eight. 15

The above brief description sets forth rather broadly the more important features of the present invention in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood, and in order that the present contributions to the art may be better appreciated. There are, of course, 20 additional features of the invention that will be described hereinafter and which will be for the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

In this respect, before explaining at least two preferred embodiments of the invention in detail, it is understood that 25 the invention is not limited in its application to the details of the construction and to the arrangements of the components set forth in the following description or illustrated in the drawings. The invention is capable of other embodiments it is to be understood, that the phraseology and terminology employed herein are for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting.

As such, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the conception, upon which disclosure is based, may readily be utilized as a basis for designing other structures, methods, and systems for carrying out the several purposes of the present invention. It is important, therefore, that the claims be regarded as including such equivalent constructions insofar as they do not depart from the spirit and scope of the present invention.

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus which has all of the advantages of the prior art and none of the disadvantages.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus which may be easily and efficiently manufactured and marketed.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus which is of durable and reliable construction.

An even further object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet ss includes a lid. dish apparatus which is susceptible of a low cost of manufacture with regard to both materials and labor, and which accordingly is then susceptible of low prices of sale to the consuming public, thereby making such disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus available to the buying public.

Still yet a further object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus which provides a support that is not skeletonlike and that provides optimum stability for the disposable pet dish.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish

apparatus that provides a disposable pet dish which engages with its base on an inside portion of the base

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus which provides a base that can be freely moved from one location to another.

Even another object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus that provides a single, free standing disposable pet dish that is received in a single, free standing base.

Still a further object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus having a lid therefor to enhance portability and

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus that does not include an adhesive patch for affixing the base to a supporting surface.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus which is readily nestable and stackable with respect to other disposable pet dishes

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus that provides modular single, free standing bases that can be linked together to form a combined unit having two pet dish reception bases side by side.

These together with still other objects of the invention, and of being practiced and carried out in various ways. Also, so along with the various features of novelty which characterize the invention, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure. For a better understanding of the invention, its operating advantages and the specific objects attained by its uses, reference 35 should be had to the accompanying drawings and descriptive matter in which there are illustrated preferred embodiments of the invention.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will be better understood and the above objects as well as objects other than those set forth above will become more apparent after a study of the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference to the annexed drawing wherein:

FIG. 1 is a top perspective view showing a first embodiment of the disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus of the invention.

FIG. 2 is a top view of the embodiment of the disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus shown in FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is an enlarged partial cross-sectional view of the embodiment of the disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus of FIG. 2 taken along line 3-3 thereof.

FIG. 4 is a partially exploded side view of the embodiment of the invention shown in FIGS. 1-3 which further

FIG. 5 is a fully exploded perspective view of the embodiment of the invention shown in FIG. 4.

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of a second embodiment of the invention which includes two pet dish apparatus units of the invention connected together.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT**

With reference to the drawings, a new and improved disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus embodying the principles and concepts of the present invention will be

with toepect to other disposable pet dishes. With the apparatus is provided which is readily acetable and stackable With the invention, a disposable insert containing pet dish sosine patch for affixing the base to a supporting surface. pet dish apparatus is provided which does not include an containing pet dish apparatus provides a lift for a disposable pet dish. With the invention, a disposable insert containing 60 free standing base. With the invention, a disposable insert free standing disposable pet dish that is received in a single, solo insert containing pet dish apparatus provides a single, from one location to another. With the invention, a disposbet dish apparatus provides a base that can be freely moved It will be appreciated of course, that optionally the dish ss the base. With the invention, a disposable insert containing pet dish which engages with its base on an inside portion of insert containing pet dish apparatus provides a disposable the disposable pet dish. With the invention, a disposable is not skeleton-like and that provides optimum stability for so operation, and which advantageously provides a support that and improved disposable insert containing pet dish appeara-te that is low in cost, relatively simple in design and secomplishes all of the objects set forth by providing a new It is apparent from the above that the present invention

45 of usage and operation need be provided. and accordingly, no further discussion relative to the manner invention, the same is apparent from the above disclosure, As to the manner of usage and operation of the instant

sive and durable metal and plastic materials. o dish apparatus of the invention can be made from inexpen-The components of the disposable insent containing pet

be made from rigid plastic or metal materials. dish-shaped base unit 12. The dish-shaped base unit 12 can base unit L2 when the dish member 14 is pushed into the 14 casily snaps into the annular groove 16 of the dish-shaped bese unit 12, and the annular tongue 18 of the dish member ment dish member 14 is easily insorted into a dish-shaped annular tongue 18 from the annular groove. 16. A replacethe annular peripheral top ring 28 and easily displacing the romoved from the dish-shaped base traits 12 by pulling up on unit 12 and replaced, the dish members 14 are easily When they are to be removed from the dish-shaped base

the dish member 14 is completely full of food or water. unit 12, the thin, lightweight, disposable, dish is securely supported by the dish-shaped base unit 12, especially when When inserted into the substantially rigid dish-shaped base lightweight, disposable, plastic dish (or other suitable material such as aluminum, for example) capable of suitably supporting a quantity of food or water when standing alone. embodiment of the invention can be in the form of a thin, It will be appreciated that the dish member 14 for each

covering the respective top ring-reception surfaces 38 of the two dish-shaped base units 12. peripheral top ring 28 is absped like a figuro-eight, for 6, with this second embodiment of the invention, the annular dish apparatuace 10 can be used for water. As shown in FIG. apparatuses 10 can be used for food, and the other of the pet apparatures 10, can be used. One of the two pet dish Alternatively, as abown in FIG. 6, the two bonded pet dish

pet dish apparatuses 10. in the respective material reception regions 22 of respective 10 can be used for the pet's water. Food and water are placed One of the pet dish apparatuses 10 of the invention can be used for a pet's food, and another of the pet dish apparatuses

member 14 is fitted securely into the dish-chaped base unit 16 of the dish-shaped bese unit 12. In this way, the dish tongue 18 of the dish member 14 fits into the annular groove

the dish-shaped bese unit 12. Furthermore, the annular member 14 rests upon the top ring-reception surface 38 of addition, the annular peripheral top ring 28 of the dish bulges 36, and the dish walls 26 nest with the base walls. In The dish well bulge surfaces 34 near with the base mail wall is inserted into the dists member 14, as shown in FIGS. 1-5. To use a pet dish apparatus 10 of the invention, the dish member 14 dish-chaped base until 12 is obtained, and a dish member 14

rigid or flexible plentic material therebetween. be joined together by a small bridge 40 (FIG. 6) of either Still further, if desired, two dish-chaped base units 12 may .E. DIV ni nwode sa stinu laubivibut eterages od yam stinu

dish anits/base units. owl tol bil agerate valinu a miol of figie-orugh a lo miol Similarly, two storage lids 33 may be joined together in the aido-by-aide relationahip substantially as depicted in FIG. 6. tageously serves to interlock two base units together in a figure-eight joins two dish members 14 together and advanarrangement, the unitary top ring 28 in the form of a unitary top ring 28 in a form of a figure-cight. By this to a second pet dish apparatus. The base-to-base intercon-nection means can be in a form of an annular peripheral means are provided for connecting a first pet dish apparalus in the other figures. In addition, base-to-base interconnection awode etaomete cull etangase badt etanemun conensier culi is shown. Reference numerals are shown that correspond to Tuming to PIC. 6, a second embodiment of the invention

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wall buige surface 34. wherein each dish wall bulge portion 30 includes an inner congrex dish wall bulge surface 32 and an outer concave dish OE ancieng hollow hemispherical dish wall bulge portions 30, member 14. The dish wall 26 includes a plurality of inwardly daib edi 10 82 gair qot edi griviecer rol 86 ecahus actiqueer 26. The dish-shaped base unit 12 includes a top ringperipheral top ring 28 extends outward from the dish wall which extends upward from the dish sloor 24. An annular 22 defined by a dish floor 24 and a cylindrical dish wall 26 The dish member 14 includes a material reception region

form of an annular tongue 18 that fits into the annular groove annular groove 16, and the second dish lock portion is in a Preferably, the first dish lock portion is in a form of an

in the dish-shaped base unit LZ in a nealing manner. is substantially rigid or stiff. The dish member 14 is received 10 with the first dish lock portion. The dish-shaped base unit 12 14 includes a second dish lock portion which is engageable received in the dish-shaped base unit 12. The dish member a first dish lock portion and includes a dish member 14 sad doinw St linu ozad boqada-daib a sobuloni 01 autanaqqa its preferred form, disposable insert containing pet dish invention generally designated by reference mimeral 10. In adl lo sutstaggs deib tog gainistaco fromi eldesogeib edt lo Turning to FIGS. 1-5, there is shown a first embodiment

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annular dish wall which extends upward from said dish a material reception region defined by a dish floor and a

dish-shaped base unit receives said dish member; outer concesse dish wall bulge surfaces when said of inner convex base unit wall bulges when fit into asid wherein said dish-shaped base unit includes a plurality face and an outer concave dish wall bulge surface, and portion includes an inner convex dish wall bulge surdish wall bulge portion, wherein each dish wall bulge side annular groove, wherein said dish wall includes a plurality of inwardly extending hollow hemispherical om stå tadi redmem dalb bles to costrue ebistuo as ao dish lock portion in a form of an annular tongue located base unit, wherein said dish member includes a second a removable dish member received in said dish-shaped

jaint seed bogede-deib bies to costrue obieni portion in a form of an annular groove located on an a disb-abaped base unit which includes a first dish lock 8. A pet dish apparatus, comprising:

rish is solected from the group comprising pet food and -The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said pre-filled mate-

al bil biss film radmom daib biss ni falratem biss anist includes a quantity of pre-filled material and said lid main-6. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said dish member first pet dish apparatus to said second pet dish apparatus. 5. The apparetus of claim 4 wherein said base-to-base

pet dish apparatus to a second pet dish apparatus. iril a gnitoannoo tol ansam noitoannooraini asad-ot-asad 4. The apparatus of claim I, further including:

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3. The apparatus of claim 1, further including: top ring of said dish member.

unit includes a top ring-reception surface for receiving said 2. The apparatus of claim I wherein said dish-shaped base from said dish wall.

an annular peripheral top ring which extends outward

a material reception region defined by a dish floor and a annular dish wall which extends upward from said dish

bias othi still tadi redmem daib bias to costrue chiatuo portion in a form of an annular tongue located on an 45 wherein said dish member includes a second dish lock a dish member received in said dish-shaped base unit,

tian east bequés-daib bias le costrus ebiani; portion in a form of an annular groove located on an a dish-shaped base unit which includes a first dish lock 40

1. A pot dish apparatus, comprising:

What is claimed as being now and desired to be protected by Letters Patent of the United States is as follows:

execution in a state of the scope of the invention in any application, which only is measured by the claims, nor is it Abstract is notition intended to define the invention of the with patent or legal terms or phraseology, to determine or quickly from a cursory inspection the nature and essence of the technical discineure of the application. Accordingly, the Office and the public generally, and especially the scientists, engineers and practitioners in the art who are not familiar Finally, it will be appreciated that the purpose of the annexed Abstract is to enable the U.S. Patent and Trademark

the drawings and described in the specification. ai botsului esodi ot troisviupe equismotister lie as liew as appended claims so as to encompass all such modifications be determined only by the broadest interpretation of the Hence, the proper scope of the present invention should 20 removed from said dish member.

provided with pre-filled food or water preserved by a foil seek. colors to increase seathetic appeal. Also, the removably inscriable dish members may be made strong enough to be and use. For example, the base units, dish units and atorage interconnection means is in a form of an annular peripheral ide may be produced in various monochromatic or mixed

15 top ring in a form of a figure-eight and which connects said shape, form, function and manner of operation, assembly departing from the principles and concepts set forth benein, including, but not limited to, variations in size, materials, at that many modifications thereof may be made without 10 invention, it will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the detail in connection with what is presently deemed to be the most practical and preferred embodiment(s) of the drawings and fully described above with particularity and Thus, while the present invention has been shown in the

reception bases side by side. liaked together to form a combined unit having two pet dish provides modular single, free standing bases that can be invention, a disposable insert containing pet dish apparatus